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LIBRARY ADOPTS UNIMARC

The Library of Congress has announced the adoption of *UNIMARC* for its future international exchange of machine-readable data. *UNIMARC: Universal MARC Format,* which was published by the International Federation of Library Associations in 1977, bridges the gap between the format structure and the implementation of that structure by different national bibliographic agencies. The format structure follows the standards of the American National Standards Institute, ANSI Z-39.2-1971, and the International Organization for Standardization, ISO 2709-1973.

UNIMARC allows each country to retain the format it has developed, but for international exchange purposes, each national bibliographic agency would convert its records to the UNIMARC format for translation internationally and would convert records received in the UNIMARC format to its own national format. Such a procedure would necessitate only one set of programs (to convert records to UNIMARC and vice versa) instead of a number of programs for each agency.

The Library of Congress has begun preliminary planning necessary to develop such programs. Actual implementation, however, is dependent on the completion of automation projects with higher priorities. In the meantime, the Library's tape exchanges with other national bibliographic agencies will continue using the existing national formats. To date, the Library has agreements with the Bibliothèque Nationale (France), the British Library, the National Library of Australia, and the National Library of Canada.

CENTER FOR THE BOOK EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS

The executive committee of the Center for the Book's National Advisory Board met for the first time at the Library of Congress on September 7. The committee agreed that the Center for the Book should emphasize projects that would dramatize the importance of the book and the printed word, strengthen the programs of other organizations in the book and educational communities, and clarify unanswered questions and provide new information for interested segments of the book world.

The committee agreed to focus on three of the many projects that have been recommended: development of an annual report on the state of the book, development of a major television program emphasizing the significance of the book to our society, and a conference that would bring together practicing teachers and librarians to discuss effective uses of books in elementary and secondary schools. Ad hoc committees of the National Advisory Board will be appointed to work on each of these projects. Committees on international book activities and finance will also be named.

In addition to discussing the Center's program, executive committee members presented nominations for the National Advisory Board. The first meeting of the National Advisory Board will be held this winter.

George C. McGhee, former Ambassador to Turkey and to the Federal Republic of Germany, is chairman of the National Advisory Board and its executive committee. Other executive committee members attending

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the September 7 meeting were Leo N. Albert, chairman of the board, Prentice-Hall International; Edward E. Booher, National Enquiry into Scholarly Communication; Ernest L. Boyer, U.S. Commissioner of Education; Marcus Cohn, Cohn & Marks; Ann Heidbreder Eastman, president, Women's National Book Association; Robert Hale, associate executive director, American Booksellers Association; Chester Kerr, director, Yale University Press; Dan Lacy, senior vice president, McGraw-Hill, Inc.; Martin P. Levin, president, Book Publishing Group, The Times Mirror Co.; Beverly P. Lynch, university librarian, University of Illinois at Chicago Circle; Datus C. Smith, Jr., chairman of the board, Franklin Book Programs, Inc.; Frank Stanton, former president of the Columbia Broadcasting System and chairman, American National Red Cross; Barbara Tuchman, author and historian; Theodore Waller, executive vice president, Grolier Inc.; and Ella G. Yates, director, Bureau of Libraries, Atlanta (Ga.) Public Library.

Library of Congress participants in the meeting were Librarian of Congress Daniel J. Boorstin, Carol A. Nemeyer, Associate Librarian for National Programs, and John Y. Cole, the Center's executive director.

AKIYUKI NOSAKA VISITS LIBRARY

On September 12, Akiyuki Nosaka of Japan visited the Library of Congress during a month-long tour of the United States as a guest of the U.S. Government under the International Visitor Program. Mr. Nosaka, a well-known literary figure in his country, has had careers at various periods as novelist, essayist, singer, recording artist, television commentator, and political activist.

Following a brief tour of the Library and a visit to the Japanese Section, he was taped by the Recorded Sound Section as he read from his work *American Hijiki,* discussed how he came to write the book, and sang two songs of his own composition. Mr. Nosaka's visit to the United States will be the focus of a series of articles he will write for Japanese publications upon his return to his country in October.

LC RECEIVES ECUADORIAN GIFT

Sra. Piedad de Suro, counselor of the Ecuadorian Embassy and former president of the Inter-American Commission on Women, presented to the Library a

Mrs. Dorn, Sra. de Suro, and Mr. Hébert

gift of 29 recent publications from the Casa de la Cultura Ecuatoriana in Quito, one of the country's most important publishing houses. Given on behalf of Ecuadorian Ambassador Gustavo Ycaza as a good-will gesture, the titles form a significant contribution to the Library's collections and are probably all new to the collections. Among them were Jorge Carrera Andrade's *Obra Poética Completa* and *La Tierra Siempre Verde* and Jorge Icaza's *El Chulla Romero y Flores.*

Present for the formal ceremony in the Hispanic Division on July 12 were Nathan Einhorn, chief, Exchange and Gift Division; Mary Ellis Kahler, chief, John Hébert, assistant chief, and Georgette Dorn, specialist in Hispanic culture, all of the Hispanic Division.

OCTOBER 12-13 CONCERTS INCLUDE HAYDN, KROMMER, BEETHOVEN WORKS

The Juilliard String Quartet will return to the Coolidge Auditorium on October 12 and 13 for a pair of concerts sponsored by the Library's Gertrude Clarke Whittall Foundation. Members of the quartet—violinists Robert Mann and Earl Carlyss, violist Samuel Rhodes, and cellist Joel Krosnick—will use Stradivari instruments presented to the Library in 1935-36 by Mrs. Whittall.

The programs on October 12 and 13 will feature three works composed in Vienna during the years surrounding the turn of the 19th century. The works are the Quintet in B flat major, Op. 71, No. 1 by Joseph Haydn, the Duo in A major for two violins, Op. 54 by Franz Krommer, and the Quartet in C major, Op. 59, No. 3 (dedicated to Count Rasumovsky) by Ludwig van Beethoven.

Both concerts will begin promptly at 8 p.m. in the Coolidge Auditorium. Tickets will be distributed by Patrick Hayes, 1300 G St. N.W. (Campbell's), beginning at 8:30 a.m., Monday, October 9. A service charge of 25 cents is placed on each ticket, and only two tickets are distributed to an individual. Telephone reservations may be made on Monday morning by calling 393-4463. Mail orders are not accepted.

The concert on Friday evening will be broadcast live by radio station WETA-FM, and made available to stations in other cities through the Katie and Walter Louchheim Fund in the Library of Congress.

PRINTING, MUSIC FOR FILMS AMONG TOPICS OF RECENT *QJ*

One man's art in composing music for film, another's in editorial elisions for political purposes, and the history of early printing establishments in Europe and America are the topics covered in the latest *Quarterly Journal of the Library of Congress.*

The music of the Hollywood composer is examined by Jon Newsom, assistant chief of the Library's Music Division, in an article entitled "David Raksin: A Composer in Hollywood." Mr. Raksin has worked on more than 100 films and several hundred television programs. His music was used in such films as *Laura* (1944), *Force of Evil* (1948), *Carrie* (1952), *Separate Tables* (1958), and *The Redeemer* (1966). Selections from these last four films are closely examined by Mr. Newsom, who concludes that while the composer realized "that film music must serve the picture's dramatic purpose, Raksin has been able to write music that can stand on its own." Readers are able to judge this claim for themselves by listening to the flexible disc recordings which accompany the article in a special envelope.

James Hutson of the Library's American Revolution Bicentennial Office has performed historical detective work on some recently discovered notes from the Constitutional Convention of 1787 and concluded that one of the primary sources for knowledge of the convention is unreliable. After those of James Madison, the notes of Robert Yates, a New York anti-Federalist, were considered a primary record of the convention's proceedings. Yates' notes were known only through the published version of his copyist, John Lansing, but neither Yates' original notes nor Lansing's copy appeared to have survived.

Recently, two pages of Lansing's copy were discovered in the Library of Congress among the papers of Edmond Charles "Citizen" Genet, the French diplomat sent as minister to the United States in 1793. Although not acknowledged as such in the publication, Genet was the editor of the published version of the notes. By comparing the two pages of recently discovered notes with Genet's published version, Mr. Hutson concludes that "although the published version of Yates' notes is far from worthless, it cannot be used with confidence." Genet altered every statement in the manuscript, Mr. Hutson suggests, in order to discredit James Madison. The possible motives for such an action are wrapped up in the political struggles of the times, which the author also discusses.

Today one goes to a printing shop for everything from menus and invitations to handbills, tickets, and business cards, but the last two articles in the *Quarterly Journal* suggest that early printshops were far more than the specialized factories with which one is familiar today. Both of these articles are adapted from lectures given at the Library as part of the Engelhard series on the book. Elizabeth L. Eisenstein, Alice Freeman Palmer professor of history at the University of Michigan, discusses the cultural ramifications of the invention of printing in an article entitled "In the Wake of the Printing Press."

It is now commonplace to state that the invention of printing moved Western Europe from an image culture to a "word culture." But Professor Eisenstein has found examples of the opposite effect as well. For example, Pope Gregory the Great could call statues "Bibles for the illiterate," but with the invention of printing, such reformers as Calvin could require the reading of the Bible for every man and dispense with "graven images" altogether. There was also a move, however, from word to image that the invention of printing stimulated, especially in anatomy, geography, and astronomy. Printing made possible the duplication of maps, graphs, tables, and charts; authors were no longer limited to the same degree by culturally bound verbal statements.

Professor Eisenstein sees medieval printshops as emerging centers of intellectual activity of all types, rivals to the older university, court, and academy. Edwin Wolf 2nd gives a similar picture for early America in his article, "The Origins of Early American Printing Shops." Beginning with what was possibly the first printshop in the Western Hemisphere, in Mexico as early as 1534, Mr. Wolf traces the ownership and activities of early shops in Peru, Massachusetts, Maryland, and Pennsylvania. It is interesting to note that from the start, some form of official censorship dogged the heels of early printers. Even in the otherwise liberal colony of Pennsylvania, a printer who had referred to the founder of the colony as "Lord Penn" was ordered by the Governor's Council to issue a correction to read "William Penn, Proprietor and Governor 6 years." and "not to print anything but what shall have lycence from ye Councill."

The July *Quarterly Journal of the Library of Congress* is available in person only at the Information Counter, Library of Congress Building, or by mail from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402 (LC 1.17:35/3). The single issue price is $1.65, or $6.45 per year, domestic, and $8.10 a year, foreign.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS OF THE LIBRARY DURING AUGUST

From Abroad

Algeria–Fawzia Sahraoui-Tahar, deputy director for cultural exchange, Ministry of Information and Culture, Algiers.

Australia–Father Fleming, director, Newman College and member, National Library Council of Australia; Barbara Troy, head of technical processing, University of New South Wales.

Belgium–Luc Vansteenkiste and George Monard, members of the Belgian Parliament.

Bolivia–Bertha Alvestequi, general director of culture, La Paz; Amalia Gallardo, director, Department of Cinema and Spectacles, La Paz; Carlos Rosso, director of artistic promotion, La Paz Municipal Office of Culture.

Brazil–Florisvaldo Moreira de Mattos, director, Salvador Office, *Jornal do Brasil;* Ziraldo Pinto, editorial cartoonist, *Jornal do Brasil,* Rio de Janeiro.

Canada–Natalia Bohan, head, Cataloging Section, Simon Fraser University Library, Burnaby, British Columbia.

Colombia–Dora Ines Marin, librarian, Cali.

Egypt–Nadia Rizk, librarian, American Embassy, Cairo.

England–Mr. and Mrs. S. Lal, The British Library, London; Pauline Summers, librarian, Royal Free Hospital Medical Library, London; and Nigel McMurray, librarian, Hendon Public Library, London.

Federal Republic of Germany–Eugen Giegler, Einkaufszentrale für Offentliche Bibliotheken, Reutlingen; Peter Reuschenbach, member of the Bundestag; Ruth Zimmerman, Bavarian National Museum, Munich.

Ghana–Ganiya Mustapha, acting deputy chief legal advisor to the National Investment Bank of Ghana.

Guyana–Ivor Wilkinson, legal counsel, Caribbean Development Bank

Haiti–Gerard M. Laurent, curator, National Museum of Haiti, Port-au-Prince.

Honduras–Cristobol Rodriguez, director of education.

Hungary–Mrs. Fekete, staff representative from the Hungarian Parliament, Budapest.

India–Justice S. Rangarajan, chairman, Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission.

FAMOUS SINGER VISITS LIBRARY

On September 15, the noted folksong performer, Odetta, visited the Archive of Folk Song and Music Division. It was her first visit in several years. In the past she has acquired a number of recordings from the Archive and included selected songs from the Archive's collections in her performing repertory. During the visit, Odetta obtained information on the Library's recent folk LPs and bibliographies, and listened to and ordered tape copies of some black spirituals from Mississippi. She is pictured here talking to Joseph C. Hickerson, head of the Archive (now a part of the American Folklife Center), while she examines a new recording from the Library of Congress.

Indonesia–Winda Murni, librarian, Faculty of Public Health, University of Indonesia, Jakarta.

Israel–Joseph Kiosso, director, Cultural Division, Tel Aviv Municipal Government.

Ivory Coast–Claire Dable, professor of linguistics, University of the Ivory Coast.

Japan–Iwao Maeshima, associate professor, Department of Economics, Tokai University; Yoichi Terashima, computer science specialist and Ichiro Ono, architect, Kanazawa Institute of Technology; three members of the staff of the Japanese Embassy: Yoshio Karita, counselor for information, press, and culture, Hiroshi Wada, first secretary, and Toshiko Makayama, second secretary; a group of 10 librarians from the Serials Working Group, Association of Private University Libraries of Japan.

Lebanon–Monique Haddad, columist, *Le Reveil*, Beirut.

Morocco–Mohammed Fikri, member, House of Representatives of Morocco.

New Zealand–Daphne Olson, government reception officer, New Zealand Department of Internal Affairs, Wellington,

Nigeria–Rose E. Udoh, librarian, National Cereals Research Institute Library, Ibadan.

Norway–Sigbjorn Johnsen, member of Parliament, Oslo.

Poland–Henryk Bulhak, Biblioteka Narodowa, Warsaw; Jerzy Kawalerowicz, film director and screenwriter.

Portugal–Jose Augusto Seabra, professor of literature, University of Oporto.

Romania–Radu Enescu, deputy editor-in-chief, *Familia* magazine, Bucharest; Delia Razdolescu and Mircea Maciu, publishers, Bucharest.

Scotland–James Craigen, member of the British Parliament, Glasgow.

South Africa–Isabel Winkie Direko, chair, National Institute for Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation of Offenders, Bloemfontein.

Taiwan–Hsun Ou-Yang, president, National Political University, Taipei.

Tunisia–A. Ounaies, director of administration and finance, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Turkey–Emel Dogramaci, Hacettepe University, Ankara.

Upper Volta–Odile Ovedrago, director, Motion Picture and Television Department, University of Ouagadougou.

U.S.S.R.–Natalia Zitomir, librarian, Union of Composers of Music, Moscow.

Yugoslavia–Ukshin Hoti, secretary for foreign relations, Provincial Assembly of Kosovo; Gzdjic Suilyka, manager, Faculty of Architecture Library, Belgrade; Bozidar Zecevic, director, Film Museum "Kinoteka," Belgrade.

From the United States

Betty Arthur, continuations catalog librarian, Ball State University, Muncie, Ind.

Ernest Boyer, U.S. Commissioner of Education, accompanied by seven members of his family.

Terry Buckles, Washington Library Network, Olympia, Wash.

Elena Canavier, arts advisor to Mrs. Walter Mondale.

Mary Carr, librarian, University of Gonzaga Library, Spokane, Wash.

Kathy Glasgow, librarian, Hooker Chemical Co., and Carolyn Brooks, librarian, Occidental Petroleum, Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Members of a delegation of journalists from the People's Republic of China visited the Library of Congress on Wednesday, August 23.

In Washington, the visitors were joined by Chai Tse-min, chief; Han Hsu, deputy chief; and Hsieh Chi-mei, Hu Nan-sheng, and Hsu Shang-wei, all of the Liaison Office of the People's Republic of China in Washington, D.C.

Members of the delegation included Tseng Tao, chairman of the group and director of Hsinhua (New China News Agency), who was formerly Ambassador to France; Chien Chi-shen, deputy chairman of the delegation and director of the Information Department of the Foreign Ministry, who was formerly Ambassador to Guinea; Wang Jo-shi, deputy editor-in-chief, *People's Daily;* Meng Chi-ching, chief of the editorial department, *China Reconstructs;* Feng Hsi-liang, chief of the International News Department, *Peking Review;* Li Yen-ning, deputy head, International News Department, Hsinhau; and Ying Yuo-mei, editor, *Science Bulletin.*

Also in the delegation were Wang Ching-yuan, editor, Scientific and Technical Documentation Publishing House; Chang Chih-chien, engineer, Central TV Station; Ting Yuan-hung, chief, Department for American and Oceanic Affairs, Foreign Ministry; Yao Wei, deputy chief, Press Division, Information Department, Foreign Ministry; Chou Li-fang, editor, Department of Home News for Foreign Service, Hsinhua, and interpreter for the delegation; Liu Ju-tsai, Press Division, Information Department, Foreign Ministry; and Yu Min-sheng, chief United Nations correspondent, Hsinhua.

The delegation was welcomed to the Library by Associate Librarian Donald C. Curran. Present to escort the group were Warren M. Tsuneishi and Richard C. Howard, chief and assistant chief of the Asian Division; Tao-tai Hsia, chief of the Far Eastern Law Division; Pe-Kuang Tseng of the Asian Division; and Leo Orleans of Research Services. They also visited the Chinese Section and gathered in the Whittall Pavilion to hear F. E. Croxton, director of the Automated Systems Office (ASO), describe the Library's computer data bases, accompanied by a demonstration. In the photograph above, Mary Lewin of ASO provides a demonstration of SCORPIO for the visitors.

Joseph Harper, head, Preparation Section, Processing Department, Boston Public Library.

Jeffrey Levine, periodicals librarian, Simmons College Library, Boston, Mass.

Elizabeth Slawson and Albert West, U.S. Army librarians, Fort Belvoir, Va.

A group of 100 Antioch Law School students.

A group of nine librarians attending the ARL Workshop for Japanese Collection Librarians.

A group of 41 librarians attending the Institute on Federal Library Resources.

A Few of the Visitors Expected in October

Tantavirat Knid, deputy director, Academic Resource Center, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand.

J. Reboul, conservateur, Bibliothèque de la Sorbonne, Paris.

Dietrich Seydel, head, West German National Information Service on Political Science.

A group of ELF-Air France Foundation laureates from France.

A group of folklorists representing 11 countries.

A group of 40 staff members from the Indiana University Library.

STAFF NEWS

RETIREMENT

Edna E. Van Syoc, assistant chief of the Decimal Classification Division, retired on August 31 after 14 years of service at the Library of Congress. She had held that position since 1969.

A native of Ackworth, Iowa, Miss Van Syoc received her B.A. degree from Simpson College in 1934, her B.S. degree in library science from the University of Illinois in 1939, and the M.A. in library science from the University of Michigan in 1954. After working as a librarian in the Mapleton, Iowa, public schools, the State University of Iowa, and Oregon State University, she became head cataloger in 1946 and head of technical services in 1960 at the Florida State University Library. In 1964 she joined the staff of the Library of Congress as a decimal classification specialist.

At a reception in her honor in the Whittall Pavilion, her colleagues presented her with a framed print of the Great Hall of the Library, executed by Paul Boswell. She will be missed by her friends and colleagues in the Library.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Appointments: Janice Baker, head, Music Section, GS-13, NLS/BPH, 5369 & 5607; Della Chase, clerk-typist, GS-2, Cop Acq & Proc, CO-101; Gary Johnson, MARC monograph clerk, GS-3, MARC Ed, 5793; Madeline Matz, assistant motion picture technical officer, GT-11, M/B/RS, 5543; Roscoe Young, mail clerk, GS-4, CS, 5827.

Temporary Appointments: Linda Adams, library aid, GS-1, Col Mgmt, NP; Karen Berney, library aid, GS-1, CRS F, NP; Scott Bills, library aid, GS-1, CRS F, NP; Beth Cohen, library aid, GS-1, CRS F, NP; Steven Geller, library aid, GS-1, CRS F, NP; Tanya Kucherov, library aid, GS-1, CRS F, NP; Edward McMahon, library aid, GS-1, CRS F, NP; Sharon Newman, library aid, GS-1, Col Mgmt, NP; Timothy Scrantom, clerk, GS-4, CRS C, NP; Dianne Sinkford, reading room assistant, GS-2, GRR, OP RS-110; Naomi Thomas, reading room assistant, GS-2, Col Mgmt, RS-110.

Reappointments: Melinda Henderson, clerk-typist, GS-3, MARC Ed, 5767; Mollen Lee, clerk-typist, GS-3, MARC Ed, 5767.

Temporary Reappointment: Loretta Bethea, MARC monograph clerk, GS-3, MARC Ed, 5916.

Resignations: Linda Blaser, Preserv; Caroline Coombs, Photodup; Victor DeMattia, Photodup; Eileen Donahue, GRR; Volodimir Hajdar, Ser; L. Ephriam Hicks, CRS L; Sebastian LoCurto, E&G; Moses L. Perry, Jr., CRS A; Corinne Pockey, FRD; Diana Pokorny, CRS Ed; Kelly Rogers, Cop Ref; Belinda Shade, Cat Mgmt; Artina Williams, Loan.

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Gerald D. Gibson, assistant head, Recorded Sound Section, Motion Picture, Broadcasting and Recorded Sound Division, was in Europe during the month of July studying the principal broadcast archives of Western Europe and attending the combined meetings of the International Association of Sound Archives, the International Association of Music Libraries, and the European Broadcasters' Union. Mr. Gibson visited London, Stockholm, Hamburg, Frankfurt, Paris, and Lisbon. While in these cities, he worked with the archivists of the BBC, Sveriges Radio, Norddeutscher Rundfunk, Deutsches Rundfunk Archiv, American Forces Network Europe, Institut National de l'Audiovisuel, the Phonothèque Nationale of the Bibliothèque Nationale, and the Portuguese National Radio. Mr. Gibson's study concentrated upon the selection and acquisitions policies of the radio and television archives of the institutions visited. He also investigated the preservation, storage, retrieval, processing, cataloging, and in-house use of the broadcast collections, as well as possible access for use by personnel

STAFF MEMBERS REMINDED OF PROGRAMS OF INTEREST TO THEM

Library staff members are reminded of several programs coming up that may be of interest to them.

Beginning in October and continuing into 1979, the Affirmative Action Office will sponsor a series of career counseling courses for employees in grades GS-8 and below. The classes will consist of eight, four-hour sessions, one a week, covering preparation of job applications, interviewing, promotions and raises, job leads, and assertiveness training. The sessions will be half on the Library's time and half on the employee's own time—typically running from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. Applications for this program are due in the Affirmation Action Office, LCB-G104B, no later than October 6. A recent announcement from Eugene Walton, coordinator of affirmative action programs, distributed to all staff members, contains additional information on the program and an application form.

Staff members are also reminded that the Women's Program Advisory Committee is also offering a series of six career development workshops, beginning with Workshops I and II, Career Decisions: When? What? How? Why?, on October 12 and 18 (see the LC *Information Bulletin* for September 22, p. 584-585 for complete details). Entitled "Promote Yourself!" this series is open to all staff members. Workshops I and II, however, are limited to 50 participants and interested persons should call the Women's Program Office on ext. 6598 to reserve space. Future workshop topics include filling out job applications, interviewing techniques, and career counseling at the Library. They will also be open to staff members at any grade level.

The next Scholars Committee colloquium will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 18, in the Wilson Room. The speaker will be Leonard Baker, author of *Days of Sorrow and Pain: Leo Baeck and the Berlin Jews,* and the commentator, Theodore Wiener of the Hebraic Section, Library of Congress Descriptive Cataloging Division.

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outside the broadcast companies. While in Lisbon, Mr. Gibson delivered a paper to the European Broadcasters' Union on the American Television and Radio Archives recently established in the Library of Congress, presented a bibliography on the most frequently used reference tools related to sound recordings, and chaired a session on the International Acquisition of Commercially Produced Sound Recordings. Mr. Gibson's travel and study was partially funded by a grant from the Council on Library Resources.

Richard Greenfield, legal research assistant of the European Law Division, will lead a "Workshop on Research Methods and Resources in International Law" to be held in the Wilson Room on Saturday, October 14, at 10 a.m., as part of the Washington International Law Weekend sponsored by the Section of International Law of the American Bar Association. Interested parties are welcome to attend.

William R. Nugent, assistant director for systems engineering and operations, Automated Systems Office presented a paper on "A Fast Incomplete Gamma Function for Improved Measures of Response Time Quality" at the Seventeenth IEEE Computer Society International Conference, COMPCON 78, in Washington, D.C., on September 8. The paper describes a simplified mathematical means for analyzing brief experimental measures of response time of on-line computer terminals by fitting these measures to an appropriate gamma distribution and determining their upper response time limits in the 90 to 99 percentile range. The formulae developed provide fast and accurate approximations to the computationally complex normalized incomplete gamma function which would otherwise have to be used. The method is being implemented in a microcomputer-based response time monitor that will soon be placed in service at the Library. The paper has been published in the conference *Proceedings.*

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS PUBLICATIONS

Accessions List: Bangladesh. ISSN 0090-8304. Vol. 7, No. 1. June 1978. Continuing subscriptions free to libraries upon request to the Field Director, Library of Congress Office, American Embassy, New Delhi, India.

Accessions List: Brazil. ISSN 0146-1060. Vol. 4, No. 4. April 1978. Continuing subscriptions free to libraries upon request to the Field Director, Library of Congress Office, American Consulate General, APO Miami 34030.

Accessions List: Eastern Africa. ISSN 0145-8736. Vol. 11, No. 4. July 1978. Continuing subscriptions free to libraries upon request to the Field Director,

Library of Congress Office, American Consulate General, Karachi, Pakistan.

Accessions List: India. ISSN 0041-7734. Vol. 17, No. 9. September 1978. Continuing subscriptions free to libraries upon request to the Field Director, Library of Congress Office, American Embassy, New Delhi, India.

Accessions List: Middle East. ISSN 0041-7769. Vol. 16, No. 7. July 1978. Includes Annual Serial Supplement. Continuing subscriptions free to libraries upon request to the Field Director, Library of Congress Office, American Embassy, Cairo, A.R.E.

Accessions List: Nepal. ISSN 0090-3744. Vol. 13, No. 1. June 1978. Continuing subscriptions free to libraries upon request to the Field Director, Library of Congress Office, American Embassy, New Delhi, India.

Accessions List: Southeast Asia. ISSN 0096-2341. Vol. 4, No. 5. May 1978. Continuing subscriptions free to libraries upon request to the Field Director, Library of Congress Office, American Consulate General, Karachi, Pakistan.

Annual Report of the Librarian of Congress for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 1977. ISSN 0083-1565. Washington, D.C., 1973. (xv, 119 p. and appendixes) For sale by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, for $7.50 a copy (Stock No. 030-000-00096-0).

Annual Report of the Register of Copyrights 1977 (reprinted from the above). ISSN 0090-2845. Washington, D.C., 1978. (34 p.) Free upon request from the Copyright Office, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20559.

Card and Gift Catalog 1978-1979. Washington, D.C., 1978. (36 pp.) Available free upon request from the Library of Congress, Central Services Division, Washington, D.C. 20540.

Federal Library Committee Newsletter. No. 105. July 1978. (13 p.) Free upon request to the Federal Library Committee, Library of Congress, Navy Yard Annex, Washington, D.C. 20540.

Introduction to Minicomputers in Federal Libraries. 1978. (viii, 155 p.) Prepared by Micki Jo Young with Frank A. Pezzanite and J. Chris Reisinger for the Federal Library Committee. For sale by the Superintendent of Documents for $3.25 (Stock No. 030-000-00097-8).

The Journal of Gideon Olmsted: Adventures of a Sea Captain during the American Revolution—A Facsimile, including a linguistic analysis, "Coda: The Language of Olmsted's Journal," by Charles W. Kreidler. 1978. (xvi, 129 p.) For sale by the Information Office, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540, for $17.50.

LC Science Tracer Bullet: Astronomy and Astrophysics. ISSN 0090-5232. (TB 78-3) June 1978. (11 p.) Compiled by Vivian O. Sammons, this reference aid provides a systematic approach and guide to the literature on astronomy, including "radio, X-ray, gamma-ray, and infra-red astronomy," and astrophysics, "the application of modern physics to the problems of astronomy." Copies may be obtained free on request from the Reference Section, Science and Technology Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540. Copies have also been provided to the Superintendent of Documents for distribution to depository libraries.

The Library of Congress 1977: A Brief Summary of Major Activities for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 1977. Washington, D.C., 1978. (32 p.) Available free upon request from the Central Services Division.

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quarterly issues, and an annual volume which cumulates one to five years.

News. ISSN 0160-9211. Vol. 9, No. 4. July-August 1978. Free on request from the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20542.

Newspapers Currently Received in the Library of Congress. Sixth ed. Compiled by the Library of Congress Serial Division. Washington, D.C., 1978. (ix, 47 p.) For sale by the Superintendent of Documents for $2.30 (Stock No. 030-005-00009-1).

Overseas Outlook. ISSN 0161-1828. Vol. 1, No. 4. Summer 1978. Free on request from the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

Quarterly Journal of the Library of Congress. ISSN 0041-7939. July 1978. (pp. 141-209). For sale by the Superintendent of Documents for $1.65 for this issue (LC 1.17:35/3), or $6.45 a year, domestic, and $8.10 a year, foreign.

Supplement to LC Subject Headings. January-September 1977. Quarterly cumulative supplement to the 8th edition. (xii, 291 p.) For sale by the Cataloging Distribution Service for $35 a year.

Talking Book Topics. ISSN 0039-9183. Vol. 44, No. 5. September-October 1978. Free on request from the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

The following reports, prepared by legal specialists in the Law Library in response to congressional requests, are now available for wider distribution. Copies may be obtained from the Law Library, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540.

Coal Mining Health Standards in Poland by Tadeusz Sadowski. 1978.

Consular Conventions Between the United States and the Communist Countries by Ivan Sipkov. 1978.

NEW REFERENCE WORKS

The Library of Congress is receiving on a continuing basis the Chicago Visual Library published by the University of Chicago Press in a text-fiche format. Text-fiche is pictorial microfiche, in full color or black-and-white, accompanied by a separate printed booklet. The collection of publications includes titles such as *The Arts of the Hausa, Victorian Bookbinding, French Drawings of the 16th and 17th Centuries* and *American Prints, 1870-1950.* The collection's primary emphasis is on art and archeology in Europe, the Near East, and the United States. The titles are individually cataloged by the Library; those listed above are assigned to the Microform Reading Room.

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Students of Ukrainian affairs and those interested in the problems of human rights in the Soviet Union will find that the recently issued *Nonconformity and Dissent in the Ukrainian SSR, 1955-1975: An Annotated Bibliography* (Cambridge, Mass., Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute, 1978. 245 p.) provides listings of over 1,200 references to materials in Ukrainian, English, and Russian that relate to the topic. This work is compiled by George Liber and Anna Mostovych and draws on the cooperation of a broad group of scholars and of learned institutions. The bibliography is divided into two major sections, one containing references to primary sources and Soviet secondary materials, and the other listing selected secondary works, which are largely books and articles based upon and providing analyses of the primary reports of the situation. An appendix offers translations of the sections of the criminal code of the Ukrainian S.S.R. upon which legal actions against dissidents are most usually based. A name and subject index is also provided. When processed, a copy of this bibliography will be available in the European Room.

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NEWS IN THE LIBRARY WORLD

Conference Summary Reported

The Conference on Cataloging and Information Services for Machine-Readable Data Files was held March 29-31 at Airlie House, Warrenton, Va. Machine-readable data files (MRDF) are the newest of information resources to have gained the attention of librarians, and the conference results indicate that before encouraging a body of users of MRDF, standards for bibliographic control must be created. It was pointed out that the Federal Government is the largest producer of machine-readable data, and that if standards for bibliographic control could be developed within the Federal Government, these same standards might be adopted also by the private sector, thus facilitating a comprehensive program of information services for all data users. In fact, the conference was held to coordinate the development and implementation of such standards. It brought together approximately 55 conferees, representing 24 Federal, 16 academic, and 15 nonprofit and other private organizations that produce, store, disseminate,

and use MRDF.

Recommending that the Library of Congress design a MARC format for MRDF, the conference outlined the following plan for other specific actions.

Phase I–As a first step towards bibliographic control for MRDF, a period of testing and evaluation should be undertaken in order to establish acceptable standards for applying MRDF cataloging rules. Participation from both the Federal and private sectors is essential in this early phase of development. So that efforts may begin immediately, it is recommended that testing be done on a voluntary basis using available resources.

1.1 *The Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules* (AACR 2) should be tested on a broad range of MRDF to determine the feasibility of using these rules as a standard of cataloging.

1.2 The results of the cataloging tests based on the AACR 2 rules must be evaluated.

1.3 Products and services that would be derived from a coordinated program of cataloging must be defined.

1.4 Potential information products and services defined in 1.3 should be tested and evaluated using a test data base to insure that the content and form of the MRDF bibliographic record supports needed products and services. The evaluation should consider the quality of the information in the test data base in relation to the individual products and services being examined.

1.5 An advisory committee representing the various participants should be formed to coordinate and report on testing and evaluation activities. A final report with recommendations regarding cataloging standards and their use should be prepared for distribution.

Phase II–Before implementation of a national program of MRDF cataloging can take place, operational procedures and components which are acceptable to the parties involved, primarily the major data producers, must be established.

2.1 To insure widespread acceptability and use, plans for cataloging MRDF must be disseminated to all major Federal and non-Federal data producers. Data producers should be strongly urged to review, comment, and report on their ability to participate.

2.2 Feedback received from major data producers should be evaluated and proposed plans modified based on perceived problems. A plan for establishing a permanent program should be developed. Problems such as enforcement mechanisms, coverage in terms of what files should be included, institutional arrangements, and so on, and suggested approaches for their solution should be outlined.

2.3 Finally, resource requirements based on the implementation plans must be specified.

The National Science Foundation grant that supported the conference includes funding for a limited Secretariat for the 12-month period following the conference. The Secretariat will (1) prepare, publicize, and distribute conference proceedings; (2) respond to inquiries about the conference and related issues; (3) maintain a record of information about developments in the areas of cataloging and information services for MRDF and advise participants about anything of general interest; (4) maintain a mailing list of active participants and interested observers; and (5) seek to establish procedures for using contributed Federal staff resources and for initiating a similar effort in the private sector. Anyone wishing to contribute to Phase I should send a brief description of the project contemplated to the MRDF Conference Secretariat. The Conference Secretariat will respond to all such communications, furnishing additional information as needed. To receive a copy of the full conference report, interested persons should contact the MRDF Conference Secretariat, Data Use and Access Laboratories, Suite 900, 1601 N. Kent St., Arlington, Va. 22209.

[This article was derived from the MRDF Conference Secretariat's summary report on the conference, which was distributed in June.]

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COMING EVENTS

The **District of Columbia Library Association** and its Task Force on Impending LC Catalog Changes will conduct a meeting on Library of Congress plans to freeze the catalog and to adopt AACR 2, on Thursday, October 12, at 7 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Memorial Library Auditorium (901 G St. N.W., Washington, D.C.). Robert Hiatt, assistant to the director for cataloging, Processing Services, Library of Congress, will be the speaker. The meeting is open to all interested persons. Additional information is available from Betty Bengtson, Georgetown University Library, (202) 625-4175.

The **George Washington University Degree Programs in Dance** and the Committee on Research in Dance (CORD) are sponsoring a workshop entitled "Research in Dance" on Saturday, October 14, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Marvin Center at the university. Persons interested in participating should contact Nancy Johnson, Degree Programs in Dance,

George Washington University, Washington, D.C. 20052, tel. (202) 676-6577. The registration fee for faculty, students, and CORD members is $3; it is $5 for all others.

METRO (New Metropolitan Reference and Research Library Agency) has scheduled a series of Wednesday afternoon programs on "Current Events in Technical Services" for the coming months. The programs and dates are "CONSER: The National Serials Program," October 25; "LC Bibliographic Products and Services," November 22; "Copyright and Libraries: First Year under the New Law," February 28, 1979; "Regional and Local Library Cooperation," March 28; and "AACR 2," April 25. A first program was held on September 27. The sessions are open to technical services department administrators and staff. The cost for all six sessions is $30 for METRO members and $40 for all others. Sessions are held in the auditorium, Donnell Library Center, 20 W. 53rd St., New York City. Registration is at 2 p.m.; programs, which include a question-and-answer period, begin promptly at 2:30 and end at 4:30. Additional information or registration forms are available from Agnes Babich, Assistant to the Executive Director, METRO, 11 W. 40th St., New York, N.Y. 10018, tel. (212) 695-6732.

The **Institute of Paper Chemistry** has announced a series of regional conferences to review current developments in technical areas of particular interest to the pulp and paper industry in a geographical region. Conferences will be held on October 26 in Atlanta, Ga., on "Kraft Mill Process and Product Engineering"; on November 16 in Boston, Mass., on "Wet End Technology and Its Environmental Impact"; in March 1979 in Seattle, Wash., on a topic to be announced; and on April 4 in Chicago, Ill., on "Application of Retention and Refining Technology." The conference fee is $35, and registration forms are available from Kathy Stanek, Continuing Education Office, The Institute of Paper Chemistry, P.O. Box 1039, Appleton, Wis. 54912, tel. (414) 734-9251. Persons will receive information on meetings in their region only unless they request information on other conferences.

Columbia University School of Library Service will conduct a class on "The Job You Are Qualified For: How to Market Yourself Effectively" on three successive Thursdays, October 26, November 2, and November 9, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the New York Theological Seminary Building, 3 W. 29th St., New York City. The cost of the class is $60 and registration is limited to 35 persons. Requests for information or registrations should be directed to C. L. Learmont, School of Library Service, Columbia University, New York, N.Y. 10027.

The **American Society for Information Science** (ASIS) Special Interest Group on Management of Information Activities is sponsoring pre- and post-conference workshops at the ASIS Annual Meeting in New York City. "How to Be an Entrepreneur in the Information Industry" will take place on November 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and "Zero-based Budgeting in Libraries" will be held on November 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Each workshop is $50 for ASIS members and $55 for non-members; there are additional discounts for Special Interest Group members. Further information is available from ASIS, 1155 16th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, tel. (202) 659-3644.

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